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and carried the U. S. mail between Heber and Park City, Utah.

James always was a man of industry and foresight, an ardent sportsman and a builder for his community, as well as for himself. He was known throughout the West as one of its most prominent stockmen and wood-growers. Many people were employed in his various interests. He was civic minded to the extent that at times he bore the expense of promoting issues he believed to be for the public good. The retaining of the Heber Light & Power Company for the community, being an example. The people of the city were about to sell the plant to the Utah Light & Power Company when he and his life-long friend, James W. Clyde, hired an electrical engineer to prove to the community what a valuable asset they possessed. The company is still owned by the city.

James played baseball, hunted and fished as hobbies, and being an ardent lover of horses, he bred and raced standard-bred horses for a time.

He held many public offices during his lifetime. He was elected sheriff in 1891, serving eight years. From 1893 to 1901 he held the position of County Fish and Game Commissioner. He was a director of the Bank of Heber City many years.

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During the later part of her life, Dora

was an invalid. The loving care James conferred on her and the children lives in the memory of his family and friends. She passed away on October 29, 1907.

On February 27, 1913, James married Violet McNiven, daughter of James and Lydia McNiven. She died May 25, 1933.

James was a big, genial man, a good friend and neighbor, always ready to contribute time and money to any worthy cause.

He passed away in Salt Lake City, January 12, 1936, and was buried in the family plot in Heber City Cemetery.

*Freight & Stage Line  
owner  
Mail Contractor  
Baseball Player  
Cattleman  
Sheep Rancher  
Electricity Pusher  
Horse Man  
✓ Sheriff  
Fish & Game Commissioner  
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William Murray

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the person submitting the sheet, place an "x" behind the number pertaining to that child

HUSBAND Eugene PAYNE

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

HUSBAND'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ HUSBAND'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE Althea murdock

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER Eugene WIFE'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY
1	<u>Farrel</u>								
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
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9									
10									
11									

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

Husband  
Wife

Eugene PAYNE  
Althea

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET





EVA BONNER      GENE PAYNE

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Out of the contestants who prepared speeches, Eva Bonner and Gene Payne were chosen to represent Wasatch in the Girls' and Boys' public speaking contest at Coalville, May 1. Gene won first place and Eva, third.